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[McWilliams]

FOR Farm Family of the Week

TIME 12:25-1:00 p.m.

BY Howard Langfitt

DATE Fri. Oct. 28, 1960

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CAMERA ON LANGFITT	I WANT TO SAY FIRST, THAT I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S AGRICULTURAL AGENT. MR. JOHN KILLEBREW, FOR HIS WONDERFUL HELP IN SELECTING THE FAMILY WHICH WE SALUTE TODAY AND FOR GOING WITH ME TO THEIR FARM TO HELP ME OBTAIN THE STORY WHICH I AM NOW GOING TO TELL. THIS IS THE STORY OF MR. AND MRS. CARL H. MCWILLIAMS WHO LIVE FOUR MILES EAST OF WINONA, MISSISSIPPI ON HIGHWAY 82, WHERE THEY FARM 483 ACRES KNOWN AS VALLEY ANGUS FARMS. MR. AND MRS. MCWILLIAMS HAVE FIVE CHILDREN, ONLY THE YOUNGEST IS STILL AT HOME...17 YEAR OLD JOE FRANK WHO IS A SENIOR AT KILMICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR. CARL MCWILLIAMS GREW UP TWO MILES EAST OF THEIR PRESENT HOME, ON 253 ACRES WHICH HE STILL OWNS AND OPERATES TODAY. HE WAS ONE OF SEVEN CHILDREN...ALL OF THEM STILL LIVING. THOUGH CARL MCWILLIAMS HAS FARMED ALL HIS LIFE HE DID, FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS DO SAWMILL WORK AND WORKED TIMBER, AS WELL AS FARM HIS LAND. MRS. MCWILLIAMS WAS, BEFORE HER MARRIAGE, MISS IRENE PATTERSON OF THE MILLIGAN SPRINGS COMMUNITY ABOUT THREE MILES SOUTH OF THEIR PRESENT LAND. SHE SAYS SHE MET CARL ON A BLIND DATE. HER
SLIDE FARM-1 FAMILY	
SLIDE FARM-2 HOUSE	

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SLIDE FARM-3
HOUSE

SISTER WAS DATING A FELLOW WHO DIDN'T OWN A CAR AND HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF CARL'S WHO DID OWN ONE. HE TALKED CARL AND IRENE INTO DATING SO HE WOULD HAVE TRANSPORTATION. THAT'S WHAT STARTED IT AND THEY WERE MARRIED IN 1927. IN FACT BOTH OF THOSE COUPLES EVENTUALLY MARRIED. CARL WAS FARMING THE HOME PLACE WHEN HE MARRIED THE NEXT YEAR HE RENTED A PLACE AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR HE BOUGHT 164 ACRES AND HAS OWNED LAND EVER SINCE. THE ONLY THING ON THIS LAND WHERE THEY LIVE WHEN THEY BOUGHT IT WAS A WELL. CARL BUILT THEIR HOME IN 1945 AND LAST YEAR HE COMPLETELY REMODELED IT...TAKING OFF DORMER WINDOWS AND ADDING A BEDROOM UPSTAIRS, RE-WORKED THE HALLWAY DOWNSTAIRS AND ADDED SHEETROCK AND DID SOME PAINTING. CARL DID SAWMILL WORK FROM 1940 TO 1955. THE LAST EIGHT YEARS OF IT HE MANAGED AND BOUGHT TIMBER LAND FOR MR. E.H. SUMNERS AT STEWART. CARL MCWILLIAMS STARTED OUT FARMING RAISING COTTON AND CORN AND HAD A FEW JERSEY COWS FROM WHICH HE SOLD SOME MANUFACTURING MILK. IN 1945 HE BUILT THIS POTATO HOUSE AND RAISED POTATOES IN 1946 AND 1947. HE QUIT BECAUSE HE FOUND OUT HE HAD BUILT THE WRONG KIND OF HOUSE. HE THOUGHT THE

SLIDE FARM-4
POTATO HOUSE

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SLIDE <u>FARM-5</u> COTTON	CONCRETE BLOCK CONSTRUCTION WOULD KEEP THE POTATOES WARM BUT INSTEAD IT SWEATED TOO MUCH AND THE POTATOES WOULDN'T KEEP. IN 1949 CARL MCWILLIAMS QUIT THE JERSEY CATTIE BUSINESS AND STARTED RAISING A FEW HEREFODS...BUT THAT'S STILL NOT HIS PRESENT DAY PROGRAM WHICH WE'LL TELL YOU ABOUT IN A FEW MINUTES. CARL STILL RAISES COTTON....35 ACRES OF IT. ALL BUT 12 ACRES OF DAY CROP IS HANDLED ON THE SHARES. HE BREA S AND BREA RES THE LAND WITH MACHINERY AND THEN THE ONE FAMILY ON THE PLACE HANDLES IT WITH MULES, AND WALKING CULTIVATORS. LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR CARL PRE-EMERGED THE COTTON AND FIGURESIT REALLY PAYS OFF. HE FOLLOWS A COMPLETE INSECT CONTROL PROGRAM BASED ON TOXAPHENE-DDT. HIS PRODUCTION AVERAGE IS A BALE AND A HALF TO THE ACRE AND HE'LL BEAT THAT THIS TIME. HE HAS 23 ACRES THAT WILL AVERAGE TWO BALES. HE HAS PICKED 11 BALES OFF SIX ACRES AND THERE'S ANOTHER BALE STILL IN THE FIELD. IN 1951 SON HUGH BOUGHT TWO ANGUS HEIFER FOR A 4-H CLUB PROJECT. CARL S AYS HE SAW HE WAS GOING TO NEED AN ANGUS BULL SO HE JUST DECIDED TO GO INTO THE ANGUS BUSINESS HIMSELF TOO. IN 1952 HE WENT TO LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY
SLIDE <u>FARM-6</u> COTTON IN WAGON	
SLIDE <u>FARM-7</u> CATTLE	

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SLIDE FARM-8
CATTLE

SLIDE FARM-9
BULL

SLIDE FARM-10
YOUNG BULLS

SLIDE FARM-11
CORN

AND BOUGHT 15 REGISTERED ANGUS HEIFERS. AMONG THESE COWS ARE THE ONES HE BOUGHT FROM KENTUCKY AND ALSO ONE OF HUGH'S ORIGINAL 4-H HEIFERS IS STILL IN THE HERD. CARL MCWILLIAMS HAD SOME GRADE CATTIE BUT GRADUALLY WORKED INTO AN ENTIRELY REGISTERED ANGUS HERD BY SAVING CALVES FROM THOSE FIFTEEN HEIFERS AND BY BUYING A FEW. CARL HAS 150 HEAD OF CATTLE....80 OF THEM BROOD COWS. HE CALFHOOD VACCINATES AND SELLS CALVES TO BREEDERS. IN FACT HE DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH TO MEET THE DEMAND. HE CULLS HIS COWS CLOSE AN ALL OF THEM ARE GOOD MILKERS. THE HERD IS TB AND BANGS TESTED AND RIGHT NOW CARL HAS 21 HEIFERS HE IS SAVING FOR HERD REPLACEMENT. THE BREEDING IN CARL'S HERD IS MOSTLY EILEENMERE. THIS HERD BULL IS EILEENMERE 1431ST OUT OF FAMOUS 1100. HE IS OWNED BY CARL JOINTLY WITH DR. CHARLES HEATH OF WINONA. CARL HAD HIS FIRST PRODUCTION SALE LAST MARCH AND PLANS AN OTHER NEXT MARCH. THESE 12 YOUNG BULLS 20 MONTHS OF AGE AND UNDER ARE ALL FOR SALE. IN FACT, FOUR OF THEM WILL GO IN THE JACKSON SALE OF THE MISSISSIPPI ANGUS BREEDERS ON DECEMBER 16TH. CARL MCWILLIAMS CARRIES THE HERD MOSTLY ON GOOD GRAZING AND A LITTLE GRAIN IN THE COLDEST WEATHER. OTHERWISE THEY GET HAY AND SOME MEAL.

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SLIDE FARM-12
PICKER

SLIDE FARM-13
CREEP AND BARN

SLIDE FARM-14
MEN IN PASTURE

SLIDE FARM-15
HAY BARN

AND HULLS. CARL HAS 65 ACRES IN CORN. IT IS ALL HYBRID. HE AND JOE FRANK HAVE PICKED 3,000 BUSHELLS SO FAR. IT USUALLY AVERAGES 65 TO 70 BUSHELLS BUT IS A LITTLE SHORT THIS YEAR. THEY HARVEST THE CORN MECHANICALLY WITH THIS ONE ROW CORN PICKER. THEY ARE COMPLETELY MECHANIZED, HAVING THREE TRACTORS AND ALL THE MACHINERY THEY NEED INCLUDING A HAY BALER. THEY CONTROL WEEDS IN THE CORN WITH 2-4-D CHEMICAL WEED CONTROL. CARL CREEP FEEDS ALL THE CALVES IN CREEP FEEDERS SIMILAR TO THIS ONE IN FRONT OF THE BARN. AS YOU CAN SEE CARL HAS AN ELEVATOR TO PUT HIS GRAIN IN THE BIN. THIS BARN HAS A CONCRETE FLOOR. PERMANENT PASTURE CONSISTS OF 150 ACRES IN DALLIS, BERMUDA AND PESCUE WITH WHITE DUTCH CLOVER. THERE ARE EIGHT PASTURE AREAS FOR GOOD GRAZING ROTATION. AS CARL, ON THE LEFT, POINTS OUT TO COUNTY AGENT JOHN KILLEBREW, IN THE MIDDLE, HE USES SOME CHEMICAL WEED CONTROL AND ALSO CLIPS HIS PASTURES TO KEEP THE WEEDS AT A MINIMUM. CARL DEPENDS ON PESCUE IN THE WINTER. USUALLY THOUGH HE PUTS OUT VETCH AND RYE GRASS BUT HASN'T GOT TO IT THIS FALL. EACH YEAR CARL PUTS UP ABOUT 5,000 BALES OF HAY...PESCUE AND SOME GRASS HAY.

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SLIDE FARM-16
CLEARED LAND

SLIDE FARM-17
TIMBER

SLIDE FARM-18
TIMBER

SLIDE FARM-19
GARDEN

HE HAD 40 ACRES IN LESPEDEZA HAY THIS YEAR. CARL MCWILLIAMS USED A TRENCH SILO HE HAS FOR TWO YEARS BUT THOUGH HE LIKED IT, HE HASN'T NEEDED IT SO HE ISN'T FILLING IT RIGHT NOW. HAY IS STORED IN EVERY AVAILABLE BUILDING INCLUDING AN OLD TENNANT HOUSE. CARL HAS ALSO DONE SOME LAND CLEARING. THIS LAND HAS JUST RECENTLY BEEN CLEARED AND CARL HAS PUT RYE GRASS ON IT. CARL HAS CLEARED MOST OF THE LAND ON THE OLD HOME PLACE...80% OF WHAT IS IN CULTIVATION DOWN THERE. HE ALSO HAS AN OUT-STANDING TIMBER PROGRAM TO GO WITH THOSE FINE BLACK CATTLE AND COTTON. HE HAS 233 ACRES IN MOSTLY PINE TIMBER WHICH HE THINS AND WEEDS AND SELECTIVELY HARVESTS AND PROTECTS FROM FIRE. HE HAS SET OUT ABOUT 10,000 PINE SEEDLINGS OVER THE YEARS. LAND THAT WON'T PRODUCE A GOOD CROP GOES INTO TIMBER. CARL MCWILLIAMS TRIES TO GET ALL LAND INTO WHAT IT IS BEST SUITED FOR. HIS LAND IS ALL FENCED AND CROSS FENCED AND MOSTLY WITH CEDAR POSTS SINCE HE HAS QUITE A LOT OF CEDAR ON THE PLACE. MR. AND MRS. MCWILLIAMS HAVE A YEAR ROUND GARDEN... ABOUT A QUARTER ACRE OF IT. MRS. MCWILLIAMS DOES MOST OF THE GARDENING. FROM HER GARDEN

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SLIDE <u>FARM-20</u> FREEZING	AND OTHER SOURCES OF FARM FOOD SUPPLY, MRS. MCWILLIAMS EACH YEAR PUTS ABOUT 2,000 POUNDS OF FOOD IN THE FAMILY FREEZER. IT IS A 22 CUBIC FOOT FREEZER AND SHEE KEEPS IT FULL MOST OF THE TIME. IN FACT MRS. MCWILLIAMS SAYS SHE PUTS UP SOME FOOD FOR A DAUGHTER IN MEMPHIS AND SOME FOR SON, HUGH TO TAKE BACK TO MISSISSI
SLIDE <u>FARM-21</u> CANNED FOOD	STATE UNIVERSITY WHERE'S HE'S IN SCHOOL. BESID WHAT SHE FREEZES, SHE ALSO PUTS UP QUITE A LOT OF FOOD IN JARS. THIS YEAR SHE HAS CANNED ABOUT 75 PINTS OF PEAR PRESERVES, 50 PINTS OF STRAWBERRY PRESERVES, 20 PINTS OF FIGS AND A NUMBER OF OTHER FOODS THE FAMILY LIKES CANNED
SLIDE <u>FARM-22</u> SEWING	IN JARS. MRS. MCWILLIAMS SAYS SHE DOESN'T MIND COOKING AND THAT SHE STILL DOES SOME SEWING FOR HERSELF AND FOR HER HOME. SHE SAYS SHE SEWED FOR ALL THE CHILDREN WHEN THEY WERE LITTLE AT HOME BUT NOT SO MUCH SINCE THEY HAVE GROWN UP AND HAVE HOMES OF THEIR OWN.
SLIDE <u>FARM-23</u> CHILDREN	THE CHILDREN ARE DAUGHTERS ELIZABETH, MARGAREE AND VIRGINIA AND SONS HUGH AND JOE FRANK. HUGH IS A GRADUATE IN SEED TECHNOLOGY FROM MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY AND FOLLOWING TWO YEARS IN MILITARY SERVICE IS NOW BACK AT STATE WORKING ON HIS MASTER'S DEGREE. JOE FRANK IS

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<p>SLIDE <u>FARM-24</u></p> <p>CAMERA ON FAMILY</p>	<p>A SENIOR AT KILMICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL. MR. CARL MCWILLIAMS COOPERATES WITH ALL COUNTY AGRICULTURE WORKERS AND ENDEAVORS TO APPLY RECOMMENDED FARM PRACTICES IN ALL THAT HE DOES. HE WORKS ESPECIALLY CLOSE WITH COUNTY AGENT JOHN KILLEBREW, SHOWN HERE WITH CARL AND SON JOE FRANK. MR. AND MRS. CARL MCWILLIAMS BELONG TO THE KILMICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH. LAST YEAR MRS. MCWILLIAMS TAUGHT A B.T.U. CLASS. THEY BELONG TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FARM BUREAU AND CARL IS A MEMBER OF THE MISSISSIPPI CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND BOTH THE AMERICAN AND MISSISSIPPI ANGUS ASSOCIATION. CARL ALSO WORKS WITH THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY ASSOCIATION. THIS IS A WONDERFUL FAMILY THAT HAS MADE GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND NOW IN THE TIME THAT REMAINS I WANT YOU TO MEET THEM.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WHAT HAS BEEN BIGGEST JOB? 2. WHAT ARE PLANS FOR FUTURE? 3. WHAT HAS HELPED YOU MOST 4. MRS., WHERE ARE OTHER CHILDREN & WHAT THEY DOING? 5. WHAT HELPS MOST IN HOMEMAKING? 6. DO YOU PLAN ANY CHANGES IN YOUR HOME? 7. JOE FRANK, WHAT ARE PLANS FOR FUTURE?